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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Eiichi Horita et al.
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For : DISTRIBUTED DIGITAL SIGNATURE GENERATION METHOD
AND DIGITALLY SIGNED DIGITAL DOCUMENT GENERATION
METHOD AND APPARATUS
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AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 31, 2006 (the three-month response date for which has been extended by two months from June 30, 2006 to August 31, 2006 by the accompanying RCE Transmittal and Petition to Extend) , reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

Amendments to the Claims are found in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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